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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

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Nemo dated 8 May 1956 to Project Director entitled

"Initial Requirement for Additional Photographic Prints"

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- 1. indicated on 10 May 1956 additional prints requested would not interfere to any marked extent with operations at the processing site.
- 2. Our primary concern therefore is not one of delay in processing and printing operations at EK but simply if the situation warrants giving the Army and Navy a complete set of prints and if the two Services can use each mission in its entirety.
- 3. It is my understanding the majority of the missions at least up to this period (July 1956) will be with the A-l, therefore with the exception of the take from the rocker the photo scale of the photography will be small. Second, considering Detachment A's assigned area of coverage, it seems the majority of photography will be of limited interest to Army and Navy. Third, from past experience I don't believe either the Army or the Havy could exploit this bulk photography before July 1956. That they are some of their limitations has been indicated by their requirement for selected prints only.
- 4. It is suggested our approach to Army and Havy should be to inform them of our problem and as a temporary measure we suggest they view our plots and select their prints from the plots and if they desire, study prints in our files. As soon as HTAUTOMAT photographic reproduction capabilities have been established each of the Services selected prints would be reproduced.
- 5. I don't believe the Services should be informed of the ability of Eastman Kodak to produce two additional sets of prints. In event the Army and Havy insist on immediate photography it may be in order to inquiry the USAF as to their capability and willingness to run off selected prints for them purely as a temporary measure.
- 6. Taking into consideration such factors as (1) actual start of operation, (2) area to be covered, (3) scale of photography, (4) date HTAUTOMAT photo reproduction equipment will be in operation, (5) increasing probability of damage to negative, (6) requesting photography, particularly first runs, for curiosity purposes only, (7) lack of storage facilities and photo interpretation personnel would preclude maximum extraction of information in a short period of time. Briefly,

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I feel the Army or Havy would not gain anything by receiving complete sets of prints from each mission.

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